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Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby submit this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c) to bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. Upon information and belief, this IDS is being filed before the mailing date of either an office action or a notice of allowance.

A Certification is attached in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

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The document listed in this IDS was cited in a communication (previously submitted) dated May 16, 2002 from the European Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this IDS is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

A copy of the English translation of the listed document is attached. The listed document, EP-A-0195703, was previously furnished with the first Information Disclosure Statement of May 31, 2002.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the English translation of the listed document and evidence that consideration of relevant portions thereof by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

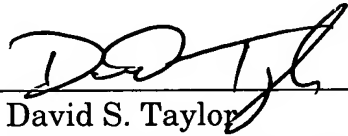
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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed document, should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

Early and favorable consideration are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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